



MINUTES

MOBILITY COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

These meeting minutes are draft and will not be final until approved by the Mobility Commission on a future date

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Mark Spencer

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Nisar Ahmed
Melissa Avery
Julie Huang
Flavio Poehlmann
Mark Spencer
Stephen Tu
Erin Vaca
Ken Wu

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Hans Larsen, Public Works Director
Noe Veloso, Assistant City Engineer
Matthew Bomberg, Senior Transportation Engineer
Natalie Khwaja, Management Analyst II
Eliza Villaluz, Senior Office Specialist

SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call - Commissioner Mark Spencer

2. Approval Of Minutes

The Commission unanimously approved the minutes for the September 16, 2020 meeting

3. Vision Zero 5-year Summary and Update Efforts

Public Works Director Hans Larsen updated the Commission on Vision Zero 5-year plan and update efforts. Matt Bomberg and Eric Hu presented to the Commission a review of current traffic safety data and the proposed new Vision Zero Action Plan

Overall, Commission members were complimentary of the City's past efforts to improve safety and agreed that more work is needed to get to zero. Many Commissioners expressed support for automated speed enforcement. The topics of speed management and enhancing pedestrian crossing were acknowledged as priority issues. The Commission shared additional comments related to: communications, public reporting of safety concerns, enforcement, homeless, equity, street lighting, development standards, smaller Fire vehicle size to allow narrower street design, less cars and community support.

It was suggested that the Mobility Commission's Communications Working Group can explore Vision Zero communications at their future meetings.

The public and Commissioners were encouraged to provide additional input or questions to staff directly.

Public Comments:

Diane Shaw questioned if the City has investigated commercial vs noncommercial crashes

Steve Skala was interested in knowing if the Fremont Blvd Smart Corridor project included pedestrian detection at signalized intersections.

Anonymous asked what actions are being taken in order to keep the bike lanes clear for more usage.

Andreas Kadavanich suggested annual or real time updates on Vision Zero.

Gary Suplick was interested in knowing if the City has received any questions or concerns from the public regarding Vision Zero.

Ruth Narayan suggested having safe bicycling programs so more people would consider biking.

4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021

After discussion, Commissioner Spencer will remain as Chair and Commissioner Avery will be the new Vice-Chair. Vote was unanimous.

5. Staff Updates

Public Works Director Hans Larsen updated the commissioners on the following topics:

- Safety improvement projects
- Permanent closure of Morrison Canyon Road
- 680/Mission Blvd Interchange
- Safe Routes to Schools meeting with Fremont Unified School District
- Decoto Road Corridor project
- South Bay Connect project
- Bike lane cleaning update
- PeopleForBikes recognition of Walnut Bikeway project
- Hiring Freeze

6. Public Comment

Kelly Abreu shared comments on the following: requiring pedestrians to wear lights at night, building code changes, Rancho Arroyo Parkway, statistical analysis, roundabouts, and automated enforcement. He requested that Morrison Canyon Road be added to trail maps.

Andreas Kadavanich suggested communicating safety messages using anecdotes with improvements at Grimmer curve and Mowry red-light cameras as examples

Steve Skala commented on the City's Urban Forest Plan and advocated for replacing Sweet Gum trees.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm